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ESCAPED BY HIS WITS

By OSCAR COX

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"Well, I declare!"
"What's the matter now?"
"Matter? Matter enough. Oh, dear, why did I ever engage myself to you?"
"Polly, will you be good enough to tell me what I have done?"
"To think that you could not be true to me for a single week!"
"How in the world have I been untrue?"

"It is only what was to have been expected, considering your reputation."
"My reputation? What's the matter with that?"

"I was warned that you couldn't be with any girl five minutes without making love to her."
"Polly, this is becoming unbearable. Have a care. There is a limit to the endurance of an innocent man wrongfully accused."

"Haven't you just come out of that room?"

"Certainly."

"And left there Lena Brittan?"

"Yes."

"And has she not worn all this day a bit of court plaster on her chin?"

"Suppose she has."

"Go and look in the glass."

He went to a mirror, glanced at his chin and saw a bit of court plaster there.

"Very well; I have looked at my chin. What next?"

"Are you not convicted?"

"Convicted of what?"

"You have kissed Lena Brittan, and the plaster she has been wearing came off and stuck to your chin. How are you going to explain that?"

"I'm not going to explain it."

"I should say not. You can't."

"I said I would not. It is you who says I can't, not I."

"If you can, why don't you?"

"We have been engaged a week. You have become suspicious and have accused me without good reason—indeed on an absurdity. If this is the beginning of such accusations, what is going to be the end? If you should happen to find a hair on my shoulder—a long hair of a different shade from your own—you would assume that some girl's head had rested there."

"What's that?" She made a dive for his shoulder and caught just such a hair as he had described.

"I told you so."

"It's the exact shade of Lena's. I have been a fool to trust you."

"You haven't trusted me. Had you done so you would not have brought these accusations. You will be finding gold powder on my shoulder next."

"It's there! Heavens, what a man!"

She dusted a few golden specks from his coat collar with her handkerchief.

"I accept my dismissal."

"Oh, that I should receive such brutal treatment!"

"It is I who have been treated brutally."

"You! What do you mean?"

"Have you not accused me of the most dishonorable conduct?"

"And are you not guilty?"

"Be it so. If I am guilty surely you have no further use for me. Farewell!"

He strode to the door through which he has recently entered.

"Are you going back to her?"

"Who?"

"The girl from whom you got the court plaster."

"No. I have no interest in the girl from whom I bought it."

"Bought it?"

"Yes; in a drug store."

"Do you mean?"

"When a man is married must he explain every time he cuts his chin

shaving from whom he got his court plaster?"

"Oh, Edward!"

"Now do you blame me for accepting my dismissal?"

"But the hair?"

"It is your own."

"Mine? My head has not rested there since—let me see—the night after we came home from the opera, more than a month ago."

"And I have not had on this evening dress suit since then."

"And I wore gold powder in my hair that night, didn't I?"

"You are convicted by your own words."

"Forgive me."

"Suppose I forgive you today, shall I not have to forgive you tomorrow and the next day and the next?"

There was no reply to this, but a sign of coming tears. He went to her and put his arms around her. She looked up with a pathetic appeal. He kissed her. There were some tender words and more kisses. Presently he saw sticking to her chin the bit of court plaster that had made all the trouble. Conscious of the fact that there was no cut on the spot from which it had been removed, he knew that a new danger confronted him. Instantly he placed his lips on hers and pressed his chin against her chin, hoping to bring back the accusing plaster. He failed. Again and again he repeated the experiment and at last succeeded. Then, without taking any further risk, he arose to go. She pointed for one more kiss.

"No," he said; "I prefer to leave you hungry."

When he got away from her the rascal drew a long breath and exclaimed, "By Jove, what an escape!"

IN WOMAN'S REALM

Often hard water is difficult to make into rich suds for washing dishes. Let a kettleful of the water come to the boiling point first. The trouble is obliterated.

Cranberry poultices are cooling and afford speedy relief to those suffering with erysipelas. Applied hot they often relieve cases of inflammation of the bowels.

White zephyr articles can be made to assume their original snowy appearance by rubbing them in several baths of flour and magnesia, then hanging them in the sun.

Try laying a mustard plaster on the stomach when troubled with cramps and drink a cup of hot water with a teaspoon of salt in it. It brings relief almost instantly.

Salt water cleans bottles. A little salt in water will keep flowers fresh. Brooms soaked in hot salt water wear better. Salt hardens gums, makes teeth white and sweetens breath. Weak and weary eyes refreshed by bathing with warm water and salt. Lemon and salt removes stains from fingers. A smoldering fire can be cleared by a handful of salt.

There are many girls and women who grasp with avidity any suggestion that makes for economy, and the suggestion of providing long life for the petticoat is one that all of them will read with interest. Some come with a tuck or two that can be let down when the bottom is worn so that it is no longer presentable. If you make these yourself do not fail to put in these tucks so that the bottom can be cut off and a new hem formed.

Hot Milk Sponge Cake—Two eggs well beaten, one heaping cup sugar; one and a half teaspoonfuls vanilla, one heaping cup flour (unsifted), one teaspoonful cream tartar, one-half teaspoonful baking soda, one-half cup of hot milk. Sift flour and cream tartar together into bowl. Allow milk to just come to a boil and add soda, stir together into cake mixture.

Puff Paste Sandwiches—Roll puff paste very thin, about one-eighth of an inch, cut in fanciful shapes and bake to a delicate brown. Add chopped almonds.

Velvet Cakes—To one beaten egg add a tablespoon of soft butter, a cupful of milk, half a teaspoonful of salt and two cups of flour in which has been sifted a teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Then stir in half a teaspoon of soda dissolved in hot water. Beat up until smooth and bake at once on a well greased hot griddle, says the Portland Express and Advertiser.

Dorothy Dexter.

PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON

Long Trip Around the Country
is Ended

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Will Now Engage His Attention—Forthcoming Document Will Be One of Most Important He Has Prepared.

Washington, Nov. 13.—His second long swing around the circle having been practically concluded and his engagements from Boston to San Francisco and back having all been marked "kept" in the records of the White House, President Taft was speeding Saturday night through Tennessee and Virginia on the way to Washington. At Bristol, Tenn., the last scheduled stop on the trip from Knoxville, where he spent Saturday morning, he was only a little less than 300 miles from home. He arrived at the capital early yesterday. He will take a day or two of rest before beginning the work of writing his third annual message to Congress. This message, the president's friends say, will be one of the most important he has ever written.

Mr. Taft is in fine fettle. The long journey has apparently had no ill effect upon him for his step was as light and his laugh as cheerful Saturday as when he turned away from Beverly and started out to tour the West in a private car. "I am rejoiced to get home from a trip of upward of 15,000 miles and a visit to about 30 states in which I have had the pleasure of explaining, from my standpoint, some of the important issues of the day to many hundreds of thousands of people," the president said Saturday night. "I have been materially benefited by the information which I have received as to the attitude of the people in the different parts of the country as affected by local conditions. The receptions have been very cordial throughout, and I am certain that in taking this trip I have improved a real opportunity. I am glad also to say that, although the trip has been a strenuous one, my health has continued good, and I have suffered no ill effects from the strain."

When he stepped down from his private car in Washington yesterday morning, Mr. Taft brought to an end one of the longest trips both in number of days on the road and in number of miles traveled ever undertaken by a president. Former President Roosevelt, it was recalled by persons on the presidential train Saturday, once made a transcontinental trip which lasted 65 days, but on that journey he stopped for a long rest in the Yosemite national park. Mr. Taft has been out of Beverly 57 days, and away from Washington 87 days, except for a two-hour stop last week. He put in three days resting at Hot Springs, Va., so that the total time in which he kept pace with all the engagements made for him was 54 days.

The presidential train has covered more than 15,000 miles, and if automobile trips were to be included in the calculation, the mileage easily would top the 16,000 mark. On the present trip the president has climbed mountains, gone into a gold mine, reviewed the greatest American fleet ever assembled, broken ground for a world's exposition, voted at an election and been put through all the "stunts" that Secretary Hilges would permit his entertainers to invent. The president has delivered close to 350 speeches, passed through about 30 states and been seen by crowds that Mr. Hilges estimates at over 5,000,000.

Saturday, the president's last day on the road, was given to eastern Tennessee. Knoxville got six hours of the president's time and on the way to Bristol he made rear-end speeches at five small towns. At Greenville the president caught a glimpse of the house and burial place of Andrew Johnson. Before he boarded his private car in Knoxville, the president called upon Mrs. W. G. Brownlow, widow of "Parson" Brownlow, one of the famous governors of Tennessee. Mrs. Brownlow is 92 years old, but her mind was alert and she talked with Mr. Taft several minutes. Every president of the United States who has visited Knoxville since the Civil war has called at the Brownlow home to pay his respects, and Mr. Taft did not wish to leave until he had done so. For the last dinner on his car the president, Mr. Hilges, Major Butt and Dr. Thomas L. Rhoads, Mr. Taft's attendants, who have made the long journey together, were served with "rosin and larders" put aboard the car by citizens of Johnson City, Tenn.

Cause for Suspicion.

"John, do your love your little wife?"
"Yes."
"Do you love me very much?"
"Oh, yes."
"Will you always love me?"
"Yes—say, woman, what have you gone and ordered sent home now?"
Pittsburg Post.

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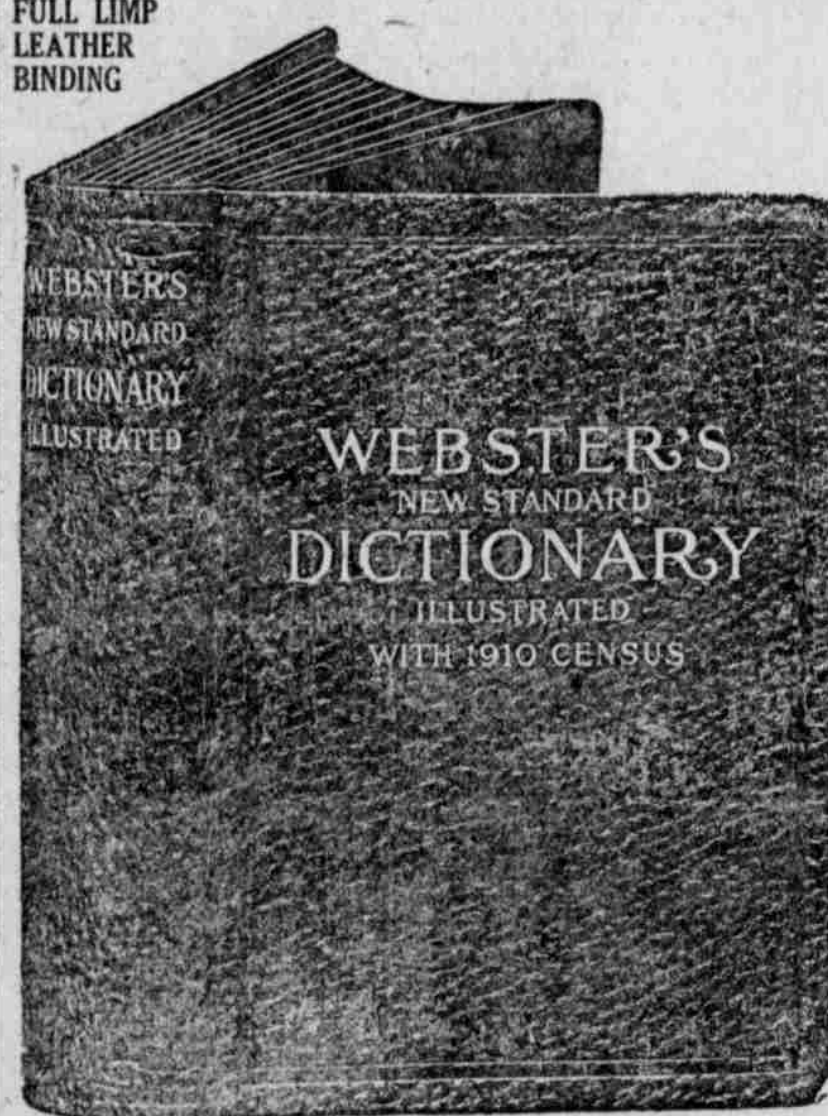
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CAN GET A "JAG" WITHOUT A DRINK

Whiskey That Can Be Eaten, an Invention That Comes From Prohibition Kansas.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Whiskey in solid form, which, it is supposed, will enable a man to "eat" a stimulant and truthfully swear to his wife that he has not been "drinking" is the latest revelation presented to Commissioner (Cabell) of the internal revenue bureau. He has been called on to decide whether or not "solid whiskey" is taxable for federal purposes. This new substance comes from the prohibition state of Kansas, and its inventor claims the internal revenue tax laws refer only to whiskey, brandy, beer and other alcoholic beverages can be solidified.

While no ruling has yet been made, Mr. Cabell intimated Saturday that he probably would hold that the manufacturer of the substance was subject to a rectifier's tax and the dealer in it to a wholesale or retail liquor tax.

MISS McMURRAY SUE.

Austrian Army Man Wants \$25,000, Charging Breach of Promise.

New York, Nov. 13.—A breach of promise suit for \$25,000 was filed at New York Saturday against Miss Helen McMurray of New York City by Lieutenant Eduard Stars of the Austrian army. In his bill the officer alleges that Miss McMurray promised in Vienna in 1910 to marry him and that thereafter he did all he could to make himself pleasing in her eyes and those of her father. He asserts he took a year's leave of absence from the army and lost his opportunity for advancement; sold his racing stables and took up the study of English. He also claims to have given Miss McMurray many of his family heirlooms, wreaths and bunches of flowers, that he bought "at enormous cost" a civilian outfit with evening clothes. When he came to New York last July to claim the young woman's hand she saw him but once he alleges, and that once only long enough to discard him.

BOOM FOR CHAMP CLARK.

Speaker's Presidential Candidacy Is Indorsed by Democrats.

Dodge City, Kan., Nov. 13.—Champ Clark, speaker of the national House of Representatives, was indorsed for the nomination for president in 1912 by the Democratic convention of the 7th Kansas congressional district here Saturday afternoon. Mr. Clark, who was the principal speaker at the convention, was cheered lustily. George Neely of Hutchinson was nominated for Congress to succeed the late E. H. Madison, Republican.

ROYAL PAIR OFF TO INDIA

Are Going to the Imperial Durbar

DEPARTURE IS CEREMONIOUS

The Medina is Expected to Reach Calcutta During the First Week in December.

London, Nov. 13.—King George and Queen Mary of England left London Saturday morning for Portsmouth to board the new liner Medina, which will carry them to India for the imperial Durbar to be held in Delhi next month. As this was their last appearance in the capital for nearly three months, their departure was made with much ceremonial. Accompanied by the prince of Wales and Princess Mary, and escorted by imperial horse guards, they drove in an open carriage over a round about way to Victoria station. The streets were lined with people, who gave the royal ones an enthusiastic send off. There was a great gathering at the station, those who had come to say farewell including Dowager Queen Alexandra, all of the other members of royalty, the ministers, officials of the India office and diplomats, among the latter being the American ambassador, Mr. Reid, with whom was Mrs. Reid.

The Medina, carrying King George and Queen Mary to India, left Portsmouth, Eng., at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon to the accompaniment of a royal salute by the guns of the warships and forts. The ships were manned with much played "God Save the King," and enormous crowds on shore cheered as the royal vessel passed out. Along the sea front off Spithead, 11 dreadnoughts, composing the first battleship squadron, and attendant cruisers, awaited the Medina and led her out to sea. The admiralty yacht Enchantress, with the lords of the admiralty, immediately followed the Medina, and the four first class cruisers, the Cochrane, Argyle, Defense and Natal, which, in command of Sir Colin Keppel, will convey the royal pair to the far East, completed the pageant. The fleet is due to arrive at Calcutta during the first week of December, and two days later the party will proceed by train to Delhi, which

they should reach on December 7. There will be elaborate ceremonies at Calcutta, and the Durbar proper, at which the king will formally assume the title of king-emperor, will be held at Delhi on December 11.

RICHESON WAS TO MARRY GIRL.

With Avis Linnell He Visited a Clergyman to Arrange for Wedding.

Boston, Nov. 13.—Although the father of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson has made the statement that the young minister who is indicted for the murder of Avis Linnell was never engaged to her, it was learned Saturday that Richeson had actually sought the services of a minister to marry him to the girl with whose death he is charged.

Shortly after Richeson's resignation from the Baptist church at Hyannis, where he had first met Miss Linnell and where she subsequently sang in the choir, he drove with her to Brewster and they called on the Rev. Edward S. Cotton, Mr. Cotton's son, the Rev. Edward H. Cotton, who was a student at the Newton theological seminary when Richeson studied there, was present at the conference that followed.

Richeson informed the Cottons of his engagement to Avis and said he hoped the elder Cotton would marry them. Definite arrangements were held in abeyance and no date was set for the ceremony, but it was understood by all parties that Richeson and Avis were engaged and were planning their marriage. The first intimation received by Mr. Cotton of the subsequent engagement of Miss Violet Edmunds of Brookline to Richeson came in the newspaper announcement of their betrothal. Discussing his recollections of Richeson's days at the seminary, the younger Cotton said:

"He always impressed me as a man who knew very little of the world. For example, when we were at the seminary, although it was not customary for the students to go to the theatre, nevertheless there were some of us who used to do so once in a while. One time I remember we persuaded Richeson to go with us, and he certainly behaved as one who had never been to a theatre before."

MAINE EVIDENCE COMPLETE.

No Doubt Now That Inspection Board Will Recognize Outside Explosion.

Havana, Nov. 13.—The work on the wreck of the Maine reveals more and more evidence of an outside explosion, and it is safe to predict that the board of inspection, which is coming shortly, will so find.

The success of the cofferdam is complete and Major Ferguson, the army engineer in charge of the work, now has his men at work in the midst of a great hole 45 feet deep.

The amount of leakage is insignificant and the cofferdam appears to be as steady as Gibraltar. All data necessary to the work of the board has been procured.